

28. The handheld electronic device of claim **27**, wherein said tactilely perceptible convex area is centered within one of the visibly defined key zones.

29. The handheld electronic device of claim **26**, wherein a size-alterable zone located above at least one of the visibly defined key zones is contracted thereby establishing a tactilely perceptible concave area on the shape changing, exposed upper surface that physically signifies the respective overlaid visible key zone.

30. The handheld electronic device of claim **26**, wherein a size-alterable zone located above at least one of the visibly defined key zones comprises electrically responsive media that changes volume when electrically stimulated.

31. The handheld electronic device of claim **30**, wherein said electrically responsive media is confined within a pocket formed in a flexible sheet upon which said shape changing, exposed upper surface is established.

32. The handheld electronic device of claim **30**, wherein said electrically responsive media is a gas confined within the pocket formed in said flexible sheet upon which said shape changing, exposed upper surface is established.

33. The handheld electronic device of claim **30**, wherein said electrically responsive media is a fluid confined within the pocket formed in said flexible sheet upon which said shape changing, exposed upper surface is established.

34. The handheld electronic device of claim **33**, wherein said flexible sheet is composed of substantially transparent material thereby accommodating visualization of said adaptive display therethrough.

35. The handheld electronic device of claim **30**, wherein said electrically responsive media is a solid.

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